REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to examining the application. The specification has been amended to add the priority claim from PCT/US2004/016715. The pending claims reflect amendments submitted in an amendment under Article 19. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith M. Tackett

Registration No. 32,008
PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P.
3040 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1500

Fin & the

Houston, TX 77056

Telephone: (713) 623-4844 Facsimile: (713) 623-4846 Attorney for Applicant

461588 1